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Have you seen any of the
beautiful auroras yet?

Mama sends you the Nagama
circulars.

Aunt Margaret is as well
as usual.

We have not heard anything
more about the Forestry Commission.

Lovingly

Wanda Muir.

Martinez California

Aug 11 1896

My dear Papa

By this time you
must be up in Alaska where
it is cool and you can get plenty
of ice without going to town
for it. The weather has been
very hot for several days but
last night the sea breeze came
in, cool, fresh and delightful.

How did the meteors look up
in Alaska? We could not see
many down here.

We received your letter and
telegram from Port Townsend,
and your name was in the list
of distinguished passengers who
sailed on the Queen, that was

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in the Chronicle.

Mama has got nearly over her sore throat. Grandma is pretty well and Helen and I are very well and the cats are lively. Tommy came up to the house two mornings after you left but he stayed down in the field most of the time now.

Mrs Theobalds is still staying here with Grandma.

Last Saturday the China house burned down and a few trees around it were killed.

They think that it started from the fire they had in the kitchen.

The China men were all down in the pear orchard and when they saw the smoke they ran back to the house wonderfully fast but one end of the house was

a mass of flames so they could not unlock the door but Mr Firth and Harry Coleman broke in a door and dragged out some rice and a few other things. I could not have believed that so small a building could make such a tremendous fire and then to add to the general noise and confusion their guns and cartridges went off and made an awful racket but nobody was hurt and it did make a most beautiful, beautiful blaze.

We got a good watermelon a few days ago and enjoyed it very much and to-day I am making pie out of one of the pumpkins that Helen raised.

Did you find your northern summer residence in good order